


JAPAN L.I.P. & G.M.M. June 19 '50.

A new angle of the Communist diplomatic offensive opened in the Far East today, with a demand that General MacArthur ~~shall~~ oust the Chinese Nationalist member on the allied council for Japan; - ~~and~~ replace him with a Chinese Red. This -- in a note sent by Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai of the Communist regime in Peking.

Everywhere in the United Nations the Soviets and their satellites are raising the same sort of uproar - toss out the nationalists, and put in the Communists! Now this is extended to the Allied Council which, technically, is in control of Japan -- although, as we all know, General Douglas MacArthur is the one who bosses the job. The response the Reds are likely to get from the Supreme Commander in Tokyo is easy to guess -- MacA_rthur having a blunt way with Reds.



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Later news today, the Communists have named their own member of the council, a Red General - whose arrival in Tokyo, if he ever gets there, should be an interesting event.

GERMANY

The figures are in for the weekend election held in the Ruhr - the great industrial section of western Germany. The Christian Democrats retain their previous margin - and the Communists are in collapse.

The Christian Democrats take ~~nine~~^{thirteen} seats in the Ruhr Parliament, one more than they won in the previous election, ~~nineteen~~ⁱⁿ Nineteen Forty-Seven. Which leaves them on top - the Socialists coming next with Sixty-Eight seats.

The Communists ran a disorderly campaign, with roving gangs of Reds attacking rival political rallies. But all they scored was a political catastrophe - dropping from twenty-eight Parliamentary ~~places~~^{seats} to twelve. Their popular vote sank from seven-hundred-and-two-thousand to three-hundred-and-thirty-eight thousand. ~~Somewhat more than~~^{Only} five per cent - ~~two~~^{out of a} total ~~vote~~ of nearly six million.

D.P.'s

In the American zone of Germany, the authorities in charge of displaced persons have a new perplexing problem - seven hundred Jewish refugees who went to Palestine. Now - they've come back to Germany. They didn't like it in Palestine, and have returned - illegally *back in Germany.*

Technically - they are not displaced persons any longer - having ceased to be D.P.'s when they left. So what to do about them?

Their complaints are listed by Samuel Haber, director for the American Joint Distribution Committee. He says that, in the Holy Land, they had no housing except tents, sanitary conditions bad, and they couldn't

stand the climate. Yes, it can be ^{blazing hot} warm in Palestine, ^{as} ^{on}

I discovered in the days when I was with the edge of the British Desert, Allenby and his cavalry, freeing Palestine

^{in its age} ^{York.} But, it can also be warm in other parts of the world. *A* few displaced persons have come back to Germany,

after having been sent to various and sundry places.

One, a sixty-five year old Jewish woman - who, in the words of a D.P. official, "Just couldn't take Houston, Texas."

ISRAEL

The Government of Israel makes an outright confession of having been at fault - in the assassination of Count Bernadotte of Sweden, the United Nations mediator.

This comes in the form of a note answering a protest made by the Swedish Government - a note in which the Israeli Government concedes that it may not have taken ^{no} proper precautions to safeguard Count Bernadotte against attack by terrorists. ~~Further - that there was~~ ^{And} negligence in the effort to detect ^{and} arrest the murderers.

The note sent from Tel Aviv lists a series of omissions. The scene of the shooting was not blocked off after the crime. Weapons confiscated from the Stern gang of terrorists were not examined. The jeep used by the assassins was not identified.

Israel admits fault in all of this, and says it was because of the condition of chaos that existed in Palestine during the period immediately following the Jewish-Arab war.

SOMALILAND

A strange sight is being witnessed in one of the remote parts of this ~~mt~~ globe - oil trucks running through Somaliland. Not that there is any large traffic in petroleum in that wild part of Africa. - The tank trucks are carrying samples for tests. A big oil strike is reported, and the immediate question is to determine the quality of the black gold.

That news today could have a great effect on the affairs of this earth - if Somaliland should become a large producer of petroleum, along the lines of Arabian oil. The country lies on the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, highly strategic in a geographical sense. - ~~For~~ that reason, Somaliland was divided up long ago between European powers. British, French and Italian Somaliland along the coast - while Ethiopia holds inland areas.

Right now, the former Italian colony, highly strategic, is a subject of the cold war dispute - and you can imagine how Est African affairs would be scrambled a lot more, ~~smm~~ if Somaliland should turn out

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to be a realm of oil.

There's a high plateau, and that's where *the* liquid ^{gold} ~~fuel~~ has been discovered. Two strikes - one in Ethiopia, the other - across the border in British Somaliland, nearby.

The native Somalis are nomad shepherds - who, from time immemorial, have driven their flocks among the East African highlands. Now they're gazing at tank trucks taking petroleum samples to the coast - for tests of Somaliland oil.

DEWEY

Here's British criticism of one aspect of our American political system. The London News Chronicle notes that Governor Dewey has declined another nomination for governor of New York. And says: "It would be a great misfortune if a man like Mr. Dewey is to be lost to politics, at a time when America holds such a critical place in the world."

Whereupon the London paper gives a British estimate in the following words: "Although he is only forty-eight, he has had great experience in public life. He has always shown an unusual capacity for moral and mental growth."

Well, the British are often surprised at the way we, over here, fail to use some of our best political brains. The News Chronicle points to the case of President Theodore Roosevelt - whose immense ability and experience were little used after he left the White House. "No country, however fertile in talent," says the London paper, "can afford to see her outstanding men disappear into the discard too soon."

So let's look a little closer into Dewey affairs. The Governor has ^{not} much illusion. He wants to make available to the country, and the Republican Party, the fruits of his vast experience in public office and political affairs - and he will do what he can by setting forth ideas and principles in public addresses. But he knows that, in our system, we make mighty little use of knowledge and experience, when the possessor of these is no longer in office. Former President Herbert Hoover has risen to the status of - elder statesman. But ^{Gov} ~~Sen~~ Dewey can't be an elder statesman - not yet, at least. Not - at forty-eight. This reminds us of recent proposals to give ex-presidents a place in the Senate. Which would, just as well, apply to the opposition candidate, who ranks as party leader.

In Britain, a top ranking political figure can be kept in the forefront of affairs by giving him a safe seat in the House of Commons. ~~His party can put him up as candidate in any election district, whether~~

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he lives there or not - and assign him one where his election is virtually certain. Thus they can put knowledge and experience into Parliament - without necessitating the toil and strain of the political wars.

Suppose we had that same way over here.

Well, if the Democratic party wanted to have a veteran like former Supreme Court Justice and Secretary of State Byrnes in Congress - they would set him up as a candidate in a district the Democrats were sure to carry. Same on the Republican side. If we had something like that - we certainly would strengthen Congress.

All of which will help³ to explain the criticism ~~in~~ in the London News Chronicle today.

FOLLOW DEWEY

Now for the practical politics - Lieutenant Governor Joe Hanley, ~~seems to be the likely Republican~~ ~~and candidate to succeed Governor Dewey~~ → The seventy-four year old veteran, stated today that he would seek the nomination, and the word from Albany is that Republican leadership is rallying to his support.

On the opposition side, the state organization of "young Democrats" comes out with a boom for postmaster General Jim Farley.

ERICKSON

There's a turn of the dramatic, but not of the unexpected - in the case of Frank Erickson, king of the bookmakers. In a New York court today, the bald headed, pudgy gambler pleaded - Guilty.

Frank Erickson virtually convicted himself in testimony before a Congressional Committee last April, when he admitted the essential facts of his career. Born in Norway, and beginning in this country as a small-time gambler, he built up an empire with an estimated take of twelve and a half million dollars a year. Known as, "The bookie's bookie", his business was to handle bets of other bookmakers - who might not want to take too much risk. They'd pass the bets along to Erickson - who had financial resources enough to handle anything in the world of gambling.

Then there was also the fact that, if he went into court proceedings, a lot of testimony would come up about his business connections. The name of Costello might appear - Frank Costello, called the nation's gambling czar, who is said to have had plenty

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of dealings with E_rickson. Also - the customers, prominent business men who are reported to have placed bets with E_rickson as high as ten or fifteen thousand dollars a day. Big names might have come out in court - for a headline scandal.

(~~These are the reasons behind E_rickson's plea of guilty today - a plea that involved a lot of serious arithmetic. The charge of gambling is classed as a mere misdemeanor - drawing not more than a year in jail.~~) But there are sixty counts, and that could mean sixty years in prison.

Today New York district attorney Hogan demanded a severe sentence - though it is unlikely that Frank E^aickson will get all sixty years. A judge will pronounce the penalty on June Twenty-Sixth.

SURRENDER

In New York today Benedict Macri, faced the court, charged with killing a union organizer thirteen months ago. The telephone booth stabbing of William Luyre of the garment ^{workers} ~~makers~~ union.

The prisoner, object of a nationwide search, was turned over to the police by a radio ^{columnist} ~~commentator~~ Walter Winchell. Sounds like Sherlock Holmes, Walter; - ^{personally, or was it Wilson?} or did you do it? Anyway, Macri got in touch with the radio ^{man,} ~~commentator,~~ and agreed to surrender and face the charge against him. (~~The district attorney's office says that he was afraid of accusations of perjury against relatives of his, who testified before a grand jury. Rather than jeopardize his family, he gave up. In court today, he pleaded innocent.~~)

The garment workers union offered a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars. Which Walter Winchell now claims - ^{far} ~~to be donated~~ to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. Tonight union president ~~Davis~~ Dubinsky says he's grateful - but refuses to answer about the reward. He points out that the twenty-five thousand dollars was

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offered for the conviction of all those implicated in
the murder - conviction as well as arrest.

CORTISONE

Here is news that will be greeted with enthusiasm by millions of people. For the last two years we have been hearing about a new medicine that might bring relief, if not a cure, to those who suffer from rheumatic diseases. There have been columns in the press about cortisone. Science expert Lawrence, of the New York Times, was first to announce it. Today over the news wire came the word that ~~was~~ by the week after next cortisone will be available.

At first it will be supplied only to hospitals registered by the American Medical Association. That means to some six-thousand-five-hundred hospitals. The announcement was made today by the scientists of the Merck Laboratories at Rahway, New Jersey, where they have succeeded in producing cortisone by chemical synthesis.

Dr. Philip Hench, of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, was the discoverer of cortisone. And now, in the ultra-modern Merck Laboratory at Rahway, a group of top flight scientists, have found the way to

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produce it synthetically, to be known as "Cortone."

{ Some of the men responsible for this are Dr. Edward C. Kendall, Dr. J. M. Carlisle, Drs. Van de Kamp and Richards, and others. }

A year ago we heard that it was so rare it cost a fortune to buy ^cprevious cortisone. (Now, thanks to the scientists at Merck, this important advance in alleviating the ills that beset man, is to be on the market - for all.)

The scientists, by the way, do not guarantee any sure cure. But, there have been dramatic results.

SHRINERS

In Los Angeles a lot of gaudy hi-jinks and oriental frolic. That - with a million and a half dollars worth of hospital for Crippled children.

The ancient Arabic order of the ~~MYSTIC~~ mystic shriners staged parades all over the place. More seriously - they dedicated the site of that hospital, and announced that they are also putting up two and a half million dollars for maintenance and operating costs.

The imperial potentate is Harold Lloyd, Screen star of the old silent days - and he states that more than one hundred and fifty thousand children have been restored to health by the various hospitals financed by the mystic shrine.

MYSTERY SHIP

Today a mystery ship sailed from Portland Maine - for an unknown destination. A schooner - which, for thirty-nine years, was tied up in Portland harbor, after having had a weird history.

Back in the eighties, the vessel belonged to the founder of one of the strange cults of that period - called "kingdom, Incorporated." The doctrine of "Kingdom Incorporated" was that the doom of the world was at hand. At one time there was a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar colony at Durham, near Portland, a colony of five thousand cult members.

The founder, the Reverend Frank S. Sanford, announced the date of the end of the world and set sail, with a party of disciples, to be out at sea when the universal catastrophe descended. The ship sailed from Portland, to Africa and back - arriving in a deplorable state, cabins flooded, and seven of the cult members ~~fixed~~ dead from scurvy. The leader was tried for criminal negligence, ~~was~~ convicted and served seven years sentence in the federal penitentiary

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When he got out he found his influence ~~was~~ had waned,
and he vanished. But the cult continued, and ~~recently~~
recently started renovating the old ship. Which today
sailed away - for an unknown destination.

TAX PROTEST

At Monticello, Indiana, the show was doing okay today - plenty of tourists flocking to see the under-water protest against high taxes. Paul Abbott, a war veteran, has vowed he'll stay down at the bottom of Lake Shafer, until taxes are lowered.

He's in a tank of steel and glass, with lights, bed, easy chair, radio and telephone. Air is pumped to him, and food is lowered through a special hatch. Upon being lowered to the bottom of the lake yesterday, he said that's where any taxpayer belongs - a poor fish there among the suckers.

His submarine sit-down strike is financed by local business men of Monticello, who hope the publicity stunt will dramatize the tragedy of high taxes. Also - attract visitors. Which it's doing. Five thousand have already come flocking to take a look at the protesting taxpayer in his under-water glass cage - the poor fish down there among the suckers.

MARS

Here's a swift kick for an old, favorite, fascinating idea - men on Mars. The theory that there may be some kind of life, with intelligent beings, on the red planet - takes another pushing around. At Bloomington, Indiana, the American Astronomical Society ~~is interested~~, was addressed by a number one authority on the solar system - Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered the Planet Pluto. He propounds a new theory to explain - the canals on Mars.

They are straight lines in geometrical patterns - and it was argued that only intelligent beings could have laid out such regular designs. So the supposition was - canals, irrigation, farmers on Mars.

Dr. Clyde Tombaugh says the canals are - "fracture lines." Caused by asteroids, (minor planets -) colliding with Mars. You know how a violent impact can break something, with more less regular lines - as glass will sometimes crack.

The astronomer goes on to say that the latest research confirms the supposition that there is

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not enough atmosphere on Mars to support anything, but
the lowest forms of plant life - like lichens. Instead
of men on Mars - lichens on Mars. *To what ~~are~~ do you "like"*
a lot less exciting.

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that, Nelson?